

Frequently Asked Questions
Ryan Brown Fund Residential Treatment (Re-Release, Region 7)
AFA 2-2019-SA

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The operative statute governing this AFA is W. Va. Code §16-53-1 *et seq.* This code section states that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that beds for purposes of providing substance abuse treatment and/or recovery services in existing or newly constructed facilities are made available in locations throughout the state which the department determines to be the highest priority for serving the needs of the citizens of the state. The Secretary shall identify and allocate the beds to privately owned facilities to provide substance abuse treatment services. These facilities shall: (1) give preference to West Virginia residents; (2) accept payment from private pay patients, third person payors, or patients covered by Medicaid; (3) offer long-term treatment, based upon need, of up to one year, and (4) work closely with the Adult Drug Court. Any facility subject to the provisions of this article must be licensed by this state to provide addiction and substance abuse services, or be a peer-led facility that follows standards set forth by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences and offers access to peer support services.

Similar to other applicants, a peer-led facility must demonstrate compliance with all other portions of the application, including sustainability.

Q: May one entity send in two separate applications?

A: An organization may apply for multiple awards.

Q: May a Recovery Residences partner with a MAT provider as an allowable activity?

A: Because this is one-time funding, an applicant must demonstrate ongoing sustainability from a payment source such as Medicaid in order to be considered for grant approval. If Medicaid is billed for residential treatment, then MAT must be provided at the licensed facility.

Q: Does this AFA reflect the changes to the Ryan Brown Fund through HB 4509?

A: The AFA and the responses to FAQs as noted above set forth the recent regulatory changes.

Q: May grant funds be used to pay for a sober living home/environment?

A: See previous responses to FAQs. Additionally, applications are reviewed according to the criteria in W. Va. Code §16-53-1 to determine eligibility.

Q: If so, what level of clinical services need to be available for residents in the sober living home/environment?

A: An eligible facility must be licensed by the state to provide addiction and substance abuse services or be a peer-led facility that follows standards set forth by the NARR and offer access to peer support services.

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Q: Is an organization eligible to apply for this funding if we are not located in the specified counties?

A: Per the AFA, "the Department is seeking vendors who can provide SUD Residential Treatment Services in the designated geographic area by adding to existing programs or developing and implementing new capacity." It is not a requirement that applicants currently operate in the designated region, however applicants must propose how they will establish the requested services in the designated region.

Q: May a Peer Operated Recovery Program submit an application?

A: Yes, a Peer Operated Recovery Program may apply.